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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities: the specification does not specifically state the fasteners are bolts but rather screws. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. For claim 9, the specification does not enable each liner to be simultaneously attached to both walls.

“a first temperature resistant liner *attached* to the outer side of the first portion of the inner wall and attached to [should be --positioned on--] the inner side of the first portion of the outer wall;

a second temperature resistant liner *attached* to the outer side of the second portion of the inner wall and attached to [should be --positioned on--] the inner side of the second portion of the outer wall.”

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 10, 11, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- Claim 10, “the first portion” does not identify which of the two first portions previously set forth in claim 9 is referred to.
- Claim 11, the second portions” does not identify which of the two second portions previously set forth in claim 9 is referred to.
- Claim 19, “the heat shield” lacks proper antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 3-17, 19, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 19809568 of the IDS. DE ‘568 teaches a combustion chamber for a gas turbine comprising: an annular combustion chamber inner wall 3 and an annular combustion chamber outer wall 2 defining an annular combustion space; a 1st lining 25 formed from a plurality of heat shield elements arranged on an interior of the outer wall defining a first

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inner space between the heat shield element and the outer wall; a 2nd lining 25, 27, 28 formed form a plurality of heat shield elements arranged on an exterior of the inner wall defining a second inner space between the heat shield element and the inner wall; a cooling medium adapted to flow within the 1st inner space and 2nd inner space, wherein the inner wall comprises a plurality of wall elements abutting each other at a horizontal parting joint, said wall elements being connected to each other in the area of the parting joint by means of a plurality of screw connections 23 oriented at an angle to the inner wall surface; a cooling medium supply line is connected to a plurality of cooling medium exit openings via a cooling medium distributor 34 (see Fig. 2); wherein the cooling medium exit openings appear dimensioned such that the sum total of the cross-sectional areas of all the cooling medium exit openings of a cooling medium distributor is less than the cross-sectional area of the assigned cooling medium supply line 31; wherein the 1st inner space is connected to a cooling medium discharge system via a plurality of holes; the heat shield elements are fixed to the combustion chamber inner wall or to the combustion chamber outer wall via a tongue and groove system. The combustor comprises an outer wall 2 having an inner side and outer side and a 1st portion and 2nd portion; an inner wall 3 having an inner side and outer side and a 1st portion and 2nd portion; a 1st temperature resistant liner 25 attached to the outer side of the 1st portion of the inner wall and attached to the inner side of the 1st portion of the outer wall; a 2nd temperature resistant liner 25, 27, 28 attached to the outer side of the 2nd portion of the inner wall and attached to the inner side of the 2nd portion of the outer wall; and a

plurality of fasteners 23 adapted to removably connect the 1st and 2nd portions of the inner wall. The 1st portion is an upper half; the 2nd portion is a lower half; the liner is formed from a plurality of heat shield elements; the fasteners are inter-engaging elements oriented at an angle to the outer surface of the inner wall. Note that the claim limitation “at an angle to the outer surface of the inner wall” doesn’t specify in which plane the where the angle is measured from nor what part of the outer surface of the inner wall is taken for the reference.

8. Claims 1, 3-17, 19, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maclin (4,480,436). Maclin teaches a combustion chamber for a gas turbine comprising: an annular combustion chamber inner wall and an annular combustion chamber outer wall defining an annular combustion space 15; a 1st lining 32 formed from a plurality of heat shield elements arranged on an interior of the outer wall defining a first inner space between the heat shield element and the outer wall; a 2nd lining 32 formed from a plurality of heat shield elements arranged on an exterior of the inner wall defining a second inner space between the heat shield element and the inner wall; a cooling medium adapted to flow within the 1st inner space and 2nd inner space, wherein the inner wall comprises a plurality of wall elements 32 abutting each other at a horizontal parting joint (see Fig. 3 for the outer wall and note the inner wall is analogous), said wall elements being connected to each other in the area of the parting joint by means of a plurality of screw connections 22 oriented at an angle to the inner wall surface; a cooling medium supply line is connected to a plurality of cooling medium exit openings 30 via a cooling

medium distributor; wherein the cooling medium exit openings are dimensioned such that the sum total of the cross-sectional areas of all the cooling medium exit openings of a cooling medium distributor appear less than the cross-sectional area of the assigned cooling medium supply line; wherein the 1st inner space is connected to a cooling medium discharge system via a plurality of holes; the heat shield elements are fixed to the combustion chamber inner wall or to the combustion chamber outer wall via a tongue and groove system. A combustion chamber having an outer wall having an inner side and outer side and a 1st portion and 2nd portion; an inner wall having an inner side and outer side and a 1st portion and 2nd portion; a 1st temperature resistant liner 32 attached to the outer side of the 1st portion of the inner wall and attached to the inner side of the 1st portion of the outer wall; a 2nd temperature resistant liner 32 attached to the outer side of the 2nd portion of the inner wall and attached to the inner side of the 2nd portion of the outer wall; and a plurality of fasteners adapted to removably connect the 1st and 2nd portions of the inner wall. The 1st portion is an upper half; the 2nd portion is a lower half; the liner is formed from a plurality of heat shield elements 32; the fasteners are inter-engaging elements oriented at an angle to the outer surface of the inner wall. Note that the claim limitation “at an angle to the outer surface of the inner wall” doesn’t specify in which plane the where the angle is measured from nor what part of the outer surface of the inner wall is taken for the reference.

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9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 2, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the above art in view of either Matyscak (5,387,082) or Wakeman et al (4,555,901).

The above applied art do not teach a feather key for a corresponding screw connection.

Matyscak teach a circular wall 2 joined by a feather key 23 for allowing a sealing connection with thermal expansion. Wakeman et al teach a circular wall with a feather key 48 (Figs. 4, 5) for allowing a sealing connection with thermal expansion. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ a feather key for a corresponding screw connection, to allow for a sealing connection for the circular wall.

11. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the above applied art. The above prior art appear to teach the cooling medium exit openings are dimensioned such that the sum total of the cross-sectional areas of all the cooling medium exit openings of a cooling medium distributor is less than the cross-sectional area of the assigned cooling medium supply line. In order to obviate any doubt, this is old and well known in the art as an obvious matter of relative sizing of the openings and would have been obvious to do to ensure adequate inflow of cooling air.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Ted Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4829. The Examiner can be reached on regular business hours before 5:00 pm, Monday to Thursday and every other Friday.

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